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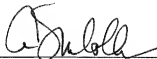
APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Although the Examiner's statement attempts to narrow the patentable aspects to identified method limitations in the independent claims, patentability of the claimed invention should be considered as a whole. And the invention is as defined in the claims, not as paraphrased by the Examiner. Finally, although not mentioned by the Examiner, the dependant claims each include additional patentable limitations that further define the invention.

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